

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of photographic processing, comprising the step of:  
  
applying a photographic processing solution to the surface of a photographic material, wherein the surface tension of the processing solution is controlled to be between about 40 and about 50 dyne/cm.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the processing solution is a photographic developer solution.
3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the surface tension of the processing solution is controlled by the addition of one or more surfactants thereto.